

**REQUEST FOR OFFERS TO PURCHASE**  
**FOR**  
**THE SALE OF NOTES AND MORTGAGES HELD ON**  
**CARMEL TOWERS**

Issued by the  
**NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY**

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**New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency**  
**637 South Clinton Avenue**  
**Trenton, New Jersey 08611**

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## **Summary**

The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency ("Agency") was created by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Law of 1983, as amended (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1, et seq.) (the "Act") to provide a strong, unified advocate for housing production, financing and improvement in the State of New Jersey (the "State"). The Agency issues bonds and uses the proceeds to make single-family mortgage loans (i.e., loans to finance owner-occupied housing) and multifamily mortgage loans (i.e., loans to finance the construction and rehabilitation of rental units).

The Agency's Multifamily Division is primarily responsible for providing funds to finance the construction and rehabilitation of multifamily rental housing projects in the State. The primary source of funding of projects is through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds. The Agency has also established additional multifamily financing programs funded with Agency General Funds. Agency loans are secured by mortgages upon the project. Generally, project loans are repaid with project rents, and, where applicable, such repayments are used to redeem bonds and/or reimburse the Agency General Fund. The Agency monitors project operations to ensure compliance with applicable federal and State law.

The Agency is the authorized housing tax credit agency for the State and is responsible for oversight of all aspects of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program for the State, including the allocation of Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (hereinafter referred to as "federal tax credits") and the compliance and monitoring of projects which have already received federal tax credits. The Agency's programs are designed to increase the availability of affordable housing for low-, moderate- and middle-income residents, to work with the private sector in meeting the Agency's mission, to assist in urban revitalization and develop innovative and flexible financing vehicles designed to provide low-interest mortgages financed by the sale of multifamily housing revenue bonds. The Agency also serves as a conduit for various federal and State subsidies, grants and demonstration funds.

The Agency's activities are governed by a nine-member board consisting of the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, the State Treasurer, The Attorney General, the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance, the Commissioner of Human Services and four public members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the State Senate. The day-to-day operations of the Agency are carried out by the Executive Director of the Agency, assisted by staff organized under the Deputy Director and Chief of Programs, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief of Property Management and Technical Services, the Chief of Administration and the Chief of Legal and Regulatory Affairs.

The Agency holds numerous instruments, including notes and mortgages which secure said notes, on certain real property which is more fully described in Section 1.1 below.

Sale of the Property by the Agency is governed by the Act and the Agency's Policy for Sale of Property, attached hereto as ATTACHMENT #3. The Agency is offering the Property, as defined in Section 1.1 below, pursuant to this Request for Offers to Purchase (the "RFOTP"), for acquisition by qualified purchasers.

## **1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The Agency is requesting offers to purchase (the "Offer(s)") from qualified individuals or entities (the "Potential Purchaser") interested in purchasing all of the Property. The Agency is requesting proposals that provide for a lump-sum cash payment in exchange for the Property.

The Agency will assign the notes and the mortgages to the successful Potential Purchaser by way of assignment of each of the instruments which encumber the Property. In the event the Agency does not possess an original of any of the notes and mortgages, the Agency shall execute an affidavit of lost original instrument and will provide a true copy of the instrument in question. The Agency is the lender and does not own title to the Mortgaged Premises (as defined in Section 1.1 below) that is encumbered by the notes and mortgages. The Agency has not declared the project in default and has not filed a legal action to foreclose any of these mortgage liens.

It is the sole responsibility of Potential Purchasers to be knowledgeable about the value of the instruments constituting the Property and the value of the underlying real estate. The Agency makes no representation whatsoever about the quality of title held by the Owner or the value of the underlying real estate.

## **1.1 THE PROPERTY**

Carmel Towers, located at 440 Elizabeth Avenue, Newark, New Jersey (the "Mortgaged Premises"), is a family housing rental project consisting of 216 units in one 25-story building. Floors 1 through 3 are non-residential and the remainder is residential. The Mortgaged Premises were placed in service in 1971.

The owner of the Mortgaged Premises, 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation ("Owner"), became indebted to the Agency as follows:

### **FIRST MORTGAGE LOAN**

- a. First Mortgage Note made by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation in favor of the New Jersey Housing Finance Agency ("HFA"), predecessor to the Agency, in the principal amount of \$4,930,000, dated March 31, 1969 ("Note 1"); and
- b. Amendment of Mortgage, Mortgage Note, Mortgage Loan Agreement and Regulatory Agreement between HFA and 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation, dated February 13, 1975, recorded June 11, 1975 in Mortgage Book 4473, Page 765 in the Essex County Clerk's Office, ("Amendment 1"); and

- c. Regulatory Agreement for Non-Profit Mortgagors Under New Jersey Housing Finance Law of 1967, as amended, between HFA and 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation, dated March 31, 1969, ("Regulatory Agreement 1"); and
- d. Mortgage Loan Agreement between HFA and 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation, dated March 31, 1969 ("Mortgage Loan Agreement 1"); and
- e. Conforming Mortgage, securing the indebtedness of Note 1, given by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation to HFA, dated September 22, 1971, recorded October 20, 1971 in Mortgage Book 4473, Page 765 in the Essex County Clerk's Office (the "First Mortgage") (Note 1, Amendment 1, Regulatory Agreement 1, Mortgage Loan Agreement 1 and First Mortgage are collectively referred to herein as the "First Mortgage Loan Documents").

By virtue of the Act, the Agency became the successor obligee and mortgagee under the First Mortgage Loan Documents.

### **SECOND MORTGAGE LOAN**

- a. Second Mortgage Note made by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation in favor of the Department of Community Affairs of the State ("DCA"), in the principal amount of \$470,000, dated August 31, 1973 ("Note 2"); and
- b. Second Mortgage, securing the indebtedness of Note 2, given by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation to DCA, dated August 31, 1973, recorded November 8, 1973 in Mortgage Book 4570, Page 864 in the Essex County Clerk's Office (the "Second Mortgage") (Note 2 and Second Mortgage are collectively referred to herein as the "Second Mortgage Loan Documents").

The Agency is the servicer on behalf of DCA of the loan which is the subject of the Second Mortgage Loan Documents and the Agency has the authority to act as stated with respect to this loan in this RFOTP.

### **THIRD MORTGAGE LOAN**

- a. Third Mortgage Note made by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation in favor of the Agency, in the principal amount of \$652,639, dated June 1, 1991, effective April 1, 1991 ("Note 3"); and
- b. Third Mortgage, securing the indebtedness of Note 3 (together with the indebtedness of Note 4, as defined below), given by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation to the Agency, dated June 1, 1991, recorded October 10, 1991 in Mortgage Book 5977, Page 619 in the Essex County Clerk's Office (the "Third Mortgage"); and

- c. Modification of Third Mortgage, signed by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation on October 20, 1993, and by the Agency on November 17, 1993, made effective as of April 1, 1991, recorded March 2, 1994 in Mortgage Book 390, Page 568 in the Essex County Clerk's Office ("Third Mortgage Modification") (Note 3, Third Mortgage and Third Mortgage Modification are collectively referred to herein as the "Third Mortgage Loan Documents").

#### **SUBORDINATE MORTGAGE LOAN**

- a. Subordinate Mortgage Note (Recast) made by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation in favor of the Agency, in the principal amount of \$763,588, dated October 20, 1993, effective April 1, 1991 ("Note 4"); and
- b. Third Mortgage; and
- c. Third Mortgage Modification (Note 4, Third Mortgage and Third Mortgage Modification are collectively referred to herein as the "Subordinate Mortgage Loan Documents").

#### **FOURTH MORTGAGE LOAN (PORF)**

- a. Fourth Mortgage Note, made by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation in favor of the Agency, in the principal amount of \$2,128,500, dated June 1, 1991 ("Note 5"); and
- b. Fourth Mortgage, securing the indebtedness of Note 5, given by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation to the Agency, dated June 1, 1991, recorded December 27, 1991 in Mortgage Book 5999, Page 327 in the Essex County Clerk's Office ("Fourth Mortgage"); and
- c. Petroleum Overcharge Reimbursement Fund ("PORF") Loan Agreement between the Agency and 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation, dated June 1, 1991 ("PORF Agreement") (Note 5, Fourth Mortgage and the PORF Agreement are collectively referred to herein as the "Fourth Mortgage Loan Documents").

#### **FIFTH MORTGAGE LOAN (CIAP)**

- a. CIAP Mortgage Note made by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation in favor of the Agency, in the principal amount of \$846,500, dated August 26, 1994 ("Note 6"); and
- b. CIAP Mortgage, securing the indebtedness of Note 6, given by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation to the Agency, dated August 26, 1994, recorded April 13, 1995 in Mortgage Book 6505, Page 554 in the Essex County Clerk's Office ("Fifth Mortgage") (Note 6 and the Fifth Mortgage are collectively referred to herein as the "Fifth Mortgage Loan Documents").

## **SIXTH MORTGAGE LOAN (CIAP)**

- a. CIAP Mortgage Note made by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation in favor of the Agency, in the principal amount of \$956,340, dated September 19, 2002 ("Note 7"); and
- b. CIAP Mortgage, securing the indebtedness of Note 7, given by 440 Elizabeth Avenue Corporation to the Agency, dated September 19, 2002, recorded October 29, 2002 in Mortgage Book 8523, Page 387 ("Sixth Mortgage") (Note 7 and the Sixth Mortgage are collectively referred to herein as the "Sixth Mortgage Loan Documents").

The First Mortgage Loan Documents, the Second Mortgage Loan Documents, the Third Mortgage Loan Documents, the Subordinate Mortgage Loan Documents, the Fourth Mortgage Loan Documents, the Fifth Mortgage Loan Documents and the Sixth Mortgage Loan Documents are collectively referred to herein as the "Property."

## **2.0 PUBLIC INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS**

The Property and documents related to the Property will be made available for the review and inspection by Potential Purchaser(s) by appointment during normal business hours at the offices of the Agency. Appointments may be made by contacting:

James E. Robertson  
Chief of Legal and Regulatory Affairs  
jrobertson@njhmfa.state.nj.us  
609-278-7529

Interested Potential Purchasers may arrange for copies to be made by the Agency of the paper documents by request to the Deputy Chief of Legal and Regulatory Affairs. The actual cost of any such copies shall be paid by the requesting Potential Purchaser upon notice from the Agency of such cost and in advance of any such copies being made.

Materials made available by the Agency for public inspection are offered "as is" and "where is." The Agency shall not be held responsible or liable for the completeness, incompleteness, accuracy or inaccuracy of such information or materials reviewed or obtained. All Potential Purchaser(s) shall be wholly responsible for their own due diligence efforts. Any information obtained by the Potential Purchaser(s) shall become the property of the Agency immediately upon the Potential Purchaser's submission of its offer and the release of such information by the Potential Purchaser to a third party shall only be made with the written approval of the Agency.

All requests for or request to inspect in person documents must be made by September 15, 2014.

### 3.0 OFFER SUBMISSION

**Ten (10) printed copies** of the Offer (one (1) unbound, original and nine (9) bound copies) and **one (1) digital copy** in PDF format on a CD must be submitted marked "REQUEST FOR OFFERS TO PURCHASE – CARMEL TOWERS" in a sealed package and addressed to:

Anthony L. Marchetta  
Executive Director

U.S. Mail Address:

New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency  
637 South Clinton Avenue  
P.O. Box 18550  
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-2085

Hand-Delivery, Courier or Overnight Delivery Address:

New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency  
637 South Clinton Avenue  
Trenton, New Jersey 08611

Offers may be delivered via mail, hand-delivery, courier or an overnight delivery service to the address above. All such deliveries must be received at the offices of the Agency, by September 24, 2014 at 12:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern time. Proposals will be publically opened on September 24, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern time, at the offices of the Agency.

**No faxed or email Offers will be accepted. Offers received after the time and date listed above will not be considered.**

The Agency will not be responsible for any expenses in the preparation and/or presentation of the Offers or for the disclosure of any information or material received in connection with this solicitation, whether by negligence or otherwise.

The Agency reserves the right to request additional information if necessary, or to reject any and all Offers with or without cause, and, in its sole discretion, waive any irregularities or informalities, such as minor elements of non-compliance with regard to the requirements of this RFOTP, in the Offers submitted. The Agency further reserves the right to make such investigations as it deems necessary as to the qualifications of any and all firms submitting Offers. In the event that all Offers are rejected, the Agency reserves the right to re-solicit Offers.

The Agency also may seek to obtain business terms that better suit the interests of the Agency and the State, price and other factors considered, by negotiating with the Potential Purchaser(s) that submit the best purchase offer(s) in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in this RFOTP. The Agency reserves the right to exclude from negotiations any and/or all offers received based on the initial submissions. Negotiations with a Potential Purchaser will not preclude the Agency from negotiating with other Potential Purchasers unless the Agency has

entered into an exclusive negotiating period with a Potential Purchaser in accordance with its Guidelines for Sale of Real and Personal Property.

Responding Potential Purchasers may withdraw their Offers at any time prior to the final filing date and time, as indicated on the cover page to this RFOTP and in this Section 3, by written notification signed by an authorized agent of the firm(s). Offers may thereafter be resubmitted, but only up to the final filing date and time.

The responding Potential Purchaser assumes sole responsibility for the complete effort required in this RFOTP. No special consideration shall be given after the Offers are opened because of a Potential Purchaser's failure to be knowledgeable about all requirements of this RFOTP. By submitting an Offer in response to this RFOTP, the Potential Purchaser represents that it has satisfied itself, from its own investigation, of all of the requirements of this RFOTP.

Documents and information submitted in response to this RFOTP shall become property of the Agency and generally shall be available to the general public as required by applicable law, including the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq., the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. and State right-to-know laws.

Communications with representatives of the Agency by the Potential Purchaser or the Potential Purchaser's representatives concerning this RFOTP are **NOT** permitted during the term of the submission and evaluation process. Communications regarding this RFOTP in any manner (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 above and Section 5 below or negotiations initiated by the Agency) **will result in the immediate rejection** of the Potential Purchaser's Offer.

#### **4.0 OFFER REQUIREMENTS**

In order to be considered, all offers to purchase from the Agency must include the following:

- a. **Cover Letter.** A letter identifying the Offer and disclosing the documentation included. The Potential Purchaser must indicate the name and contact information for the individual who will be its senior contact person for its Offer. The Potential Purchaser must also indicate whether the firm is operating as an individual proprietorship, partnership, corporation or a joint venture. The cover letter should also indicate the state of incorporation of the Potential Purchaser.
- b. **Offer Sheet.** A signed document stating the purchase price, Financing Plan and Schedule of Completion of Closing, as described below.
- c. **Offer Deposit.** A payment of five percent (5.0%) of the purchase price offered by the Potential Purchaser which shall be held in an interest bearing account as an initial deposit and applied to the purchase for the accepted Offer, and returned to all others. An additional deposit of five (5%) percent of the purchase price offered shall be payable to the Agency on the earlier of:

- i. The Agency and the Potential Purchaser entering into an exclusive negotiating period in accordance with the Policy for Sale of Property; OR
- ii. a purchase agreement with the Agency being fully negotiated and signed by the Potential Purchaser. The initial deposit and the additional deposit shall be applied to the purchase price at closing.

The deposit shall be in the form of a certified, cashier's or bank check made payable to the Agency issued by a FDIC accredited financial institution.

- d. **Financing Plan.** The Potential Purchaser(s) financial(s) and committed resources evidencing the Potential Purchaser's financial ability to pay the purchase price set forth in the Offer.
- e. **Schedule of Completion of Closing.** A statement of the proposed closing date, time and place, and any deadlines or timing or events or contingencies proposed in the offer

## 5.0 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Agency will also accept questions from firms regarding any aspect of this RFOTF via e-mail only until 5:00 p.m. prevailing time on September 15, 2014. Questions should be directed via e-mail to:

James E. Robertson  
Chief of Legal and Regulatory Affairs  
jrobertson@njhmfa.state.nj.us

Any answers to questions posed will be posted on the Agency's website. It is the sole responsibility of Potential Purchasers to be knowledgeable about the value, condition, and all other aspects of the Property.

## 6.0 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW

### 6.1 Chapter 51 and Executive Order No. 117.

In order to safeguard the integrity of State government, including the Agency, procurement by imposing restrictions to insulate the negotiation and award of State and Agency contracts from political contributions that pose the risk of improper influence, purchase of access, or the appearance thereof, the Legislature enacted P.L. 2005, c. 51 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 – 25) ("Chapter 51"), on March 22, 2005, effective retroactive October 15, 2004, superseding the terms of Executive Order No. 134. In addition, on September 24, 2008, Governor Corzine issued Executive Order No. 117, effective on November 15, 2008 ("EO 117")

setting forth additional limitations on the ability of Executive Branch agencies to contract with consultants who have made or solicited certain contributions. Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 51 and EO 117, the terms and conditions set forth in this section are material terms of this engagement:

**I. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this section, the following shall be defined as follows:

a. "Contribution" means a contribution reportable as a recipient under The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, P.L. 1973, c. 83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.), and implementing regulations set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:25-7 and N.J.A.C. 19:25-10.1 et seq. Contributions in excess of \$300 during a reporting period are deemed "reportable" under these laws.

b. "Business Entity" means any natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, Limited Liability Company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of the State or any other state or foreign jurisdiction. The definition of a business entity includes:

- i. All principals who own or control more than 10 percent of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10 percent of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate and for a for profit entity, the following:
  1. In the case of a corporation: the corporation, any officer of the corporation, and any Person or business entity that owns or controls 10% or more of the stock of the corporation;
  2. In the case of a general partnership: the partnership and any partner;
  3. In the case of a limited partnership: the limited partnership and any partner;
  4. In the case of a professional corporation: the professional corporation and any shareholder or officer;
  5. In the case of a limited liability company: the limited liability company and any member;
  6. In the case of a limited liability partnership: the limited liability partnership and any partner;
  7. In the case of a sole proprietorship: the proprietor;

8. In the case of any other form of entity organized under the laws of this State or any other state or foreign jurisdiction: the entity and any principal, officer, or partner thereof;
  - ii. Any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity;
  - iii. Any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee;
  - iv. If a business entity is a natural person, that person's spouse or civil union partner, or child residing in the same household provided, however, that, unless a contribution made by such spouse, civil union partner, or child is to a candidate for whom the contributor is entitled to vote or to a political party committee within whose jurisdiction the contributor resides unless such contribution is in violation of section 9 of Chapter 51; and
  - v. Any labor union, labor organization, and any political committee formed by a labor union or labor organization if one of the purposes of the political committee is to make political contributions.

## **II. Breach of Terms of Chapter 51 and EO 117 is a breach of this engagement:**

It shall be a breach of the terms of this engagement for the Business Entity to do any of the following:

- a. Make or solicit a contribution in violation of the Chapter 51 and EO 117;
- b. Knowingly conceal or misrepresent a contribution given or received;
- c. Make or solicit contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the contribution;
- d. Make or solicit any contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be contributed to a campaign committee or any candidate of holder of the public office of Governor, or of Lieutenant Governor, or to any State, county or municipal party committee, or any legislative leadership committee;
- e. Engage or employ a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any contribution, which if made or solicited by the business entity itself, would subject that entity to the restrictions of Chapter 51 and EO 117;
- f. Fund contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees;

- g. Engage in any exchange of contributions to circumvent the intent of the Chapter 51 or EO 117; or
- h. Directly or indirectly through or by any other person or means, do any act which would subject that entity to the restrictions of the Chapter 51 and EO 117.

### **III. Certification and disclosure requirements:**

- a. The State or the Agency shall not enter into a contract to procure from any Business Entity services or any material, supplies or equipment, or to acquire, sell or lease any land or building, where the value of the transaction exceeds \$17,500, if that Business Entity has solicited or made any contribution of money, or pledge of contribution, including in-kind contributions to a candidate committee and/or election fund of any candidate for or holder of the public office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or to any State, county political party, or to a legislative leadership or municipal political party, committee during certain specified time periods.
- b. Prior to entering any contract with any Business Entity, the Business Entity proposed as the Potential Purchaser under the contract shall submit the Certification and Disclosure form, certifying that no contributions prohibited by Chapter 51 have been solicited or made by the Business Entity and reporting all contributions the Business Entity made during the preceding four years to any political organization organized under 26 U.S.C. 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that also meets the definition of a continuing political committee within the mean of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(n) and N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7. The required form and instructions for completion and submission to the Agency at the time of submission of an offer in response to the RFOTP are available for review on the Purchase Bureau website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.htm#eo134>.
- c. Further, the Potential Purchaser is required, on a continuing basis, to report any contributions and solicitations Potential Purchaser makes during the term of the contract, and any extension(s) thereof, at the time any such contribution or solicitation is made.
- d. Potential Purchaser's failure to submit the required forms will prevent the Agency from entering into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Potential Purchaser. The State Treasurer or his designee shall review the Disclosures submitted by the Potential Purchaser pursuant to this section, as well as any other pertinent information concerning the contributions or reports thereof by the intended Potential Purchaser, prior to award, or during the term of the retention agreement. If the State Treasurer determines that any contribution or action by the Potential Purchaser violated Chapter 51 or EO 117, the State Treasurer shall disqualify the Potential Purchaser from award of such contract. If the State Treasurer or his designees determines that any contribution or action constitutes a breach of contract that poses a conflict of interest, pursuant to Chapter 51 and EO 117, the State Treasurer shall disqualify the Potential Purchaser from award of such contract.

**Please refer to ATTACHMENT #1 for copies of the Chapter 51/Executive Order 117 Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions form and instructions. Failure to submit the attached Chapter 51/Executive Order 117 Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions form shall be cause for rejection of your firm's offer.**

The Potential Purchaser selected to provide services to the Agency shall maintain compliance with Chapter 51 and EO 117 during the term of their engagement.

**6.2 Ownership Disclosure.** The Ownership Disclosure addresses the requirements of N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2, and for any contract it must be completed and submitted with the offer. The contract is not completed unless and until the Ownership Disclosure is properly completed and accepted. The form can be downloaded from the Department of the Treasury website under the heading Vendor Forms: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.htm#eo134> . A copy of the Ownership Disclosure Form is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT #1

**6.3 Affirmative Action Supplement with Affirmative Action Employee Information Report.** Affirmative Action Supplement with Affirmative Action Employee Information Report addresses the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 to -34 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.3.1 et seq., and for any contract must be completed and submitted with the offer. The contract is not completed unless and until the form is properly completed and accepted. The forms can be downloaded from the Department of the Treasury website under the heading Vendor Forms: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms.htm#eo134>. A copy of the Affirmative Action Supplement with Affirmative Action Employee Information Report is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT #1.

**6.4 Prevailing Wage Requirement.** Potential Purchaser shall comply with the Prevailing Wage requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 55:14K-42.

**6.5 Certification of Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Iran.** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-58, the bidder must certify that neither the bidder, nor one of its parents, subsidiaries, and/or affiliates (as defined in N.J.S.A. 52:32-56 (e) (3)), is listed on the Department of the Treasury's List of Persons or Entities Engaging in Prohibited Investment Activities in Iran and that neither is involved in any of the investment activities set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:32-56 (f). If the bidder is unable to so certify, the bidder shall provide a detailed and precise description of such activities.

**6.6 Political Contribution Disclosure.** The C. 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form addresses the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, and for any contract it must be completed and submitted with the offer. The contract is not completed unless and until the Political Contribution Disclosure is completed and accepted. A copy of the Political Contribution Disclosure Form is attached hereto as ATTACHMENT #1.

## **7.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The Agency will evaluate each offer received in accordance with this RFOTP and shall identify the Offer(s) determined to be responsive to all material elements set forth in the notice, including, but not limited to: purchase price; purchase term including due diligence period as well as payment for such period; and Potential Purchaser(s) financial capability to meet the proposed terms of the this RFOTP. ATTACHMENT #2 contains the proposed evaluation score sheet and weightings.

After evaluating all Offers received, the Agency shall proceed as set forth in the Policy for Sale of Property, which may result in a purchase agreement contemplated in Section 16 of the Policy ("Agreement for Purchase and Sale"). The initial draft of an Agreement for Purchase and Sale shall be provided by the Agency at a time the Agency deems appropriate during or after any negotiations with Potential Purchasers.

The Agency shall be under no obligation whatsoever, legal or otherwise, to assign, sell or convey the Property or any interest in the Property unless and until an Agreement for Purchase and Sale is fully negotiated with a Potential Purchaser and approved for execution by the Agency Board in its sole and absolute discretion. No Potential Purchaser or other party shall have any legal right or interest in the Property unless and until an Agreement for Purchase and Sale is properly executed and delivered by the Agency.

**ATTACHMENT #1**  
**REQUIRED FORMS**

## **Public Law 2005, Chapter 51**

(formerly Executive Order 134) and Executive Order 117 (2008)

# **INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS For Completing The "Two- Year Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions" Forms**

### **Background Information**

On September 22, 2004, then-Governor James E. McGreevey issued Executive Order 134, the purpose of which was to insulate the negotiation and award of State contracts from political contributions that posed a risk of improper influence, purchase of access or the appearance thereof. To this end, Executive Order 134 prohibited State departments, agencies and authorities from entering into contracts exceeding \$17,500 with individuals or entities that made certain political contributions. Executive Order 134 was superseded by Public Law 2005, c. 51, signed into law on March 22, 2005 ("Chapter 51").

On September 24, 2008, Governor Jon S. Corzine issued Executive Order No. 117 ("E.O. 117"), which is designed to enhance New Jersey's efforts to protect the integrity of procurement decisions and increase the public's confidence in government. The Executive Order builds upon the provisions of Chapter 51.

### **Two-Year Certification Process**

Upon approval by the State, the Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions form (CH51.1R1/21/2009) is valid for a two (2) year period. Thus, if a vendor receives approval on Jan 1, 2009, the certification expiration date would be Dec 31, 2011. Any change in the vendor's ownership status and/or political contributions during the two-year period will require the submission of new Chapter 51/EO117 forms to the State Review Unit. **Please note that it is the vendor's responsibility to file new forms with the State should these changes occur.**

Prior to the awarding of a contract, the agency should first send an e-mail to CD134@treas.state.nj.us to verify the certification status of the vendor. If the response is that the vendor is NOT within an approved two-year period, then forms must be obtained from the vendor and forwarded for review. If the response is that the vendor is within an approved two-year period, then the response so stating should be placed with the bid/contract documentation for the subject project.

### **Instructions for Completing the Forms**

**NOTE:** Please refer to the next section, "Useful Definitions for Purposes of Ch. 51 and E.O. 117," for guidance when completing the forms.

#### **Part 1: VENDOR INFORMATION**

**Business Name** – Enter the full name of the Vendor, including trade name if applicable.

**Business Type** – Select the vendor's business organization from the list provided.

**Address, City, State, Zip and Phone Number** – Enter the vendor's street address, city, state, zip code and telephone number.

**Vendor Email** – Enter the vendor's primary email address.

**Vendor FEIN** – Please enter the vendor's Federal Employment Identification Number.

**INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**  
**For Completing The "Two- Year Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions" Forms**

**Part 2: PUBLIC LAW 2005, Chapter 51 / EXECUTIVE ORDER 117 (2008) DUAL CERTIFICATION**

Read the following statements and verify that from the period beginning on or after October 15, 2004, no contributions as set forth at subsections 1(a)-(c) have been made by either the vendor or any individual whose contributions are attributable to the vendor pursuant to Executive Order 117 (2008).

**NOTE:** Contributions made prior to November 15, 2008 are applicable to Chapter 51 only.

**Part 3: DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE**

**Check the box at top of page 2 if no reportable contributions have been made by the vendor.** If the vendor has no contributions to report, this box must be checked.

**Name of Recipient Entity** – Enter the full name of the recipient entity.

**Address of Recipient Entity** – Enter the recipient entity's street address.

**Date of Contribution** – Indicate the date of the contribution.

**Amount of Contribution** – Enter the amount of the reportable contribution.

**Type of Contribution** – Select the type of contribution from the list provided.

**Contributor Name** – Enter the full name of the contributor.

**Relationship of Contributor to the Vendor** – Indicate relationship of the contributor to the vendor, e.g. officer or partner of the company, spouse of officer or partner, resident child of officer or partner, parent company of the vendor, subsidiary of the vendor, etc.

**NOTE:** If form is being completed electronically, click "Add a Contribution" to enter additional contributions. Otherwise, please attach additional pages as necessary.

**Part 4: CERTIFICATION**

Check box A if the person completing the certification and disclosure is doing so on behalf of the vendor and all individuals and/or entities whose contributions are attributable to the vendor.

Check box B if the person completing the certification and disclosure is doing so on behalf of the vendor only.

Check box C if the person completing the certification and disclosure is doing so on behalf of an individual and/or entity whose contributions are attributable to the vendor.

Enter the full name of the person authorized to complete the certification and disclosure, the person's title or position, date and telephone number.

**INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**  
**For Completing The "Two- Year Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions" Forms**

**USEFUL DEFINITIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF Ch. 51 and E.O. 117**

- **"Vendor"** means the contracting entity.
- **"Business Entity"** means any natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of New Jersey or any other state or foreign jurisdiction. The definition also includes (i) if a business entity is a for-profit corporation, any officer of the corporation and any other person or business entity that owns or controls 10% or more of the stock of the corporation; (ii) if a business entity is a professional corporation, any shareholder or officer; (iii) if a business entity is a general partnership, limited partnership or limited liability partnership, any partner; (iv) if a business entity is a sole proprietorship, the proprietor; (v) if the business entity is any other form of entity organized under the laws of New Jersey or any other state or foreign jurisdiction, any principal, officer or partner thereof; (vi) any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; (vii) any political organization organized under 26 U.S.C.A. § 527 that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee; and (viii) with respect to an individual who is included within the definition of "business entity," that individual's spouse or civil union partner and any child residing with that person.<sup>1</sup>
- **"Officer"** means a president, vice-president with senior management responsibility, secretary, treasurer, chief executive officer, or chief financial officer of a corporation or any person routinely performing such functions for a corporation. Please note that officers of non-profit entities are excluded from this definition.
- **"Partner"** means one of two or more natural persons or other entities, including a corporation, who or which are joint owners of and carry on a business for profit, and which business is organized under the laws of this State or any other state or foreign jurisdiction, as a general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, limited partnership association, or other such form of business organization.
- **"Reportable Contributions"** are those contributions, including in-kind contributions, in excess of \$300.00 in the aggregate per election made to or received by a candidate committee, joint candidates committee, or political committee; or per calendar year made to or received by a political party committee, legislative leadership committee, or continuing political committee.
- **"In-kind Contribution"** means a contribution of goods or services received by a candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political committee, continuing political committee, political party committee, or legislative leadership committee, which contribution is paid for by a person or entity other than the recipient committee, but does not include services provided without compensation by an individual volunteering a part of or all of his or her time on behalf of a candidate or committee.
- **"Continuing Political Committee"** includes any group of two or more persons acting jointly, or any corporation, partnership, or any other incorporated or unincorporated association, including a political club, political action committee, civic association or other organization, which in any calendar year contributes or expects to contribute at least \$4,300 to aid or promote the candidacy of an individual, or the candidacies of individuals, for elective public office, or the passage or defeat of a public questions, and which may be expected to make contributions toward such aid or promotion or passage or defeat during a subsequent election, provided that the group, corporation, partnership, association or other organization has been determined by the Commission to be a continuing political committee in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8(b).

<sup>1</sup> Contributions made by a spouse, civil union partner or resident child to a candidate for whom the contributor is eligible to vote or to a political party committee within whose jurisdiction the contributor resides are permitted.

## **INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

### **For Completing The "Two-Year Vendor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contributions" Forms**

- "Candidate Committee" means a committee established by a candidate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-9(a), for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures.
- "State Political Party Committee" means a committee organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:5-4.
- "County Political Party Committee" means a committee organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:5-3.
- "Municipal Political Party Committee" means a committee organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:5-2.
- "Legislative Leadership Committee" means a committee established, authorized to be established, or designated by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, or the Minority Leader of the General Assembly pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-10.1 for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures.
- "Political Party Committee" means:
  1. The State committee of a political party, as organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:5-4;
  2. Any county committee of a political party, as organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:5-3; or
  3. Any municipal committee of a political party, as organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:5-2.

#### **Agency Submission of Forms**

The agency should submit the completed and signed Two-Year Vendor Certification and Disclosure forms, together with a completed Ownership Disclosure form, either electronically to [cd134@treas.state.nj.us](mailto:cd134@treas.state.nj.us) or regular mail at Chapter 51 Review Unit, P.O. Box 039, 33 West State Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625. Original forms should remain with the Agency and copies should be sent to the Chapter 51 Review Unit.

#### **Questions & Answers**

Questions regarding the interpretation or application of Public Law 2005, Chapter 51 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13) or Executive Order 117 (2008) may be submitted electronically through the Division of Purchase and Property website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/execorder134.shtml>. Responses to previous questions are posted on the website, as well as additional reference materials and forms.

**NOTE:** The Chapter 51 Q&A on the website **DOES NOT** address the expanded pay-to-play requirements imposed by Executive Order 117. The Chapter 51 Q&A are only applicable to contributions made prior to November 15, 2008. There is a separate, combined Chapter 51/E.O. 117 Q&A section dealing specifically with issues pertaining to contributions made after November 15, 2008, available at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/execorder134.shtml#state>.



State of New Jersey  
Division of Purchase and Property  
Two-Year Chapter 51 / Executive Order 117 Vendor Certification and  
Disclosure of Political Contributions

General Information

For AGENCY USE ONLY

Solicitation, RFP or Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_ Award Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Services \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Contact Information

Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Email \_\_\_\_\_

Part 1: Vendor Information

Full Legal Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Including trade name if applicable)

Business Type

- ☐ Corporation ☐ Limited Partnership ☐ Professional Corporation ☐ General Partnership  
☐ Limited Liability Company ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Limited Liability Partnership

Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Email \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor FEIN \_\_\_\_\_

Part 2: Public Law 2005, Chapter 51/ Executive Order 117 (2008) Certification

I hereby certify as follows:

1. On or after October 15, 2004, neither the below-named entity nor any individual whose contributions are attributable to the entity pursuant to Executive Order 117 (2008) has solicited or made any contribution of money, pledge of contribution, including in-kind contributions, company or organization contributions, as set forth below that would bar the award of a contract to the vendor, pursuant to the terms of Executive Order 117 (2008).
  - a) Within the preceding 18 months, the below-named person or organization has not made a contribution to:
    - (i) Any candidate committee and/or election fund of any candidate for or holder of the public office of Governor or **Lieutenant Governor**;
    - (ii) Any State, county, **municipal** political party committee; OR
    - (iii) Any **legislative leadership committee**.
  - b) During the term of office of the current Governor(s), the below-named person or organization has not made a contribution to:
    - (i) Any candidate, committee and/or election fund of the Governor or **Lieutenant Governor**; OR
    - (ii) Any State, county or **municipal** political party committee nominating such Governor in the election preceding the commencement of said Governor's term.
  - c) Within the 18 months immediately prior to the first day of the term of office of the Governor(s), the below-named person or organization has not made a contribution to:
    - (i) Any candidate, committee and/or election fund of the Governor or **Lieutenant Governor**; OR  
Any State, county, **municipal** political party committee of the political party nominating the successful gubernatorial candidate(s) in the last gubernatorial election.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prior to November 15, 2008, the only disqualifying contributions include those made by the vendor or a principal owning or controlling more than 10 percent of the profits or assets of a business entity (or 10 percent of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit) to any candidate committee and/or election fund of the Governor or to any state or county political party within the preceding 18 months, during the term of office of the current Governor or within the 18 months immediately prior to the first day of the term of Office of Governor.

### Part 3: Disclosure of Contributions Made

☐ Check this box if no reportable contributions have been made by the above-named business entity or individual.

Name of Recipient _____	Address of Recipient _____
Date of Contribution _____	Amount of Contribution _____
Type of Contribution (i.e. currency, check, loan, in-kind _____)	
Contributor Name _____	
Relationship of Contributor to the Vendor _____	
Contributor Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____

If this form is not being completed electronically, please attach pages for additional contributions as necessary. Otherwise click "Add a Contribution" to enter additional contributions.

#### Part 4: Certification

I have read the instructions accompanying this form prior to completing this certification on behalf of the above-named business entity. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing statements by me are true. I am aware that if any of the statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

**I understand that this certification will be in effect for two (2) years from the date of approval, provided the ownership status does not change and/or additional contributions are not made.** If there are any changes in the ownership of the entity or additional contributions are made, a new full set of documents are required to be completed and submitted. By submitting this Certification and Disclosure, the person or entity named herein acknowledges this continuing reporting responsibility and certifies that it will adhere to it.

(CHECK ONE BOX A, B or C)

- (A) ☐ I am certifying on behalf of the above-named business entity and all individuals and/or entities whose contributions are attributable to the entity pursuant to Executive Order 117 (2008).
- (B) ☐ I am certifying on behalf of the above-named business entity only.
- (C) ☐ I am certifying on behalf of an individual and/or entity whose contributions are attributable to the vendor.

Signed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY**  
**REQUEST FOR OFFERS TO PURCHASE**  
**FOR**  
**CARMEL TOWERS NOTES AND MORTGAGES**  
**OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 1: PLEASE COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS BELOW BY CHECKING EITHER THE "YES" OR "NO" BOX. ALL PARTIES ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE AGENCY ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM.**

PLEASE NOTE: IF THE BIDDER IS A NON-PROFIT ENTITY, INDICATE BELOW AT QUESTION 1 AND EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATION BELOW; COMPLETION OF THE REMAINDER OF THIS OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM IS NOT REQUIRED. PLEASE COMPLETE THE DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND THE DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN.

IF THE BIDDER IS A FOR PROFIT ENTITY, THIS OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM, THE DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND THE DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN MUST BE COMPLETED IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

	YES	NO
1. Is the Bidder a Non-Profit Entity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 1 IS YES, PLEASE EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATION AT THE END OF THIS EXHIBIT. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE ANY MORE QUESTIONS ON THIS FORM. IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 1 IS NO, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTION 2 BELOW.

	YES	NO
2. Are there any individuals, corporations or partnerships owning a 10% or greater interest in the Bidder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 2 IS NO, PLEASE EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATION AT THE END OF THIS EXHIBIT. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE ANY MORE QUESTIONS ON THIS FORM. IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 2 IS YES, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 3-5 BELOW.

3. Of those parties owning a 10% or greater interest in the Bidder, are any of those parties <b>individuals</b> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Of those parties owning a 10% or greater interest in the Bidder, are any of those parties <b>corporations or Partnerships</b> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. If your answer to Question 4 is YES, are there any parties owning a 10% or greater interest in the corporation or partnership referenced in Question 3?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IF ANY OF THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 3-5 ARE YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN PART 2 BELOW.

**PART 2: PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO QUESTIONS 2-4 ANSWERED AS YES.**

For Questions 2-5 answered YES, you must disclose identifying information related to the individuals, partnerships and/or corporations owning a 10% or greater interest in the Bidder. Further, if one or more of these entities is itself a corporation or partnership you must also disclose all parties that own a 10% or greater interest in that corporation or partnership. This information is required by statute.

**TO COMPLETE PART 2, PLEASE PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION PERTAINING TO EITHER INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESS ENTITIES HAVING A 10% OR GREATER INTEREST IN THE BIDDER. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY AND ATTACH.**

Individuals	
Name: _____	Date of Birth _____
Office Held: _____	Ownership Interest _____ %
Home Address: _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip Code _____

Business Entities	
Entity Name: _____	
Partner Name: _____	Ownership Interest _____ %
Business Address: _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip Code _____
Are there additional entities holding 10% or greater ownership interest in the Bidder and its parent corporation/partnership?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES or <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If YES, complete an ownership disclosure for all such entities	

**ONCE YOU IDENTIFIED ALL PARTIES HAVING A 10% OR GREATER OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE BIDDER AND ITS PARENT CORPORATION/PARTNERSHIPS, PLEASE EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATION BELOW, AND PROCEED TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIONS FORM, AND THE DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN FORM.**

Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge that the Agency is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the Agency to notify the Agency in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein. I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the Agency and that the Agency at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FEIN/SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE, IN ENTIRETY, THE DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

**NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY**  
**REQUEST FOR OFFERS TO PURCHASE**  
**FOR**  
**CARMEL TOWERS NOTES AND MORTGAGES**

**DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS INVOLVING BIDDER FORM**

Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

PART 1: PLEASE COMPLETE THE QUESTIONS BELOW BY CHECKING EITHER THE "YES" OR "NO" BOX.

PLEASE REFER TO THE PERSONS AND/OR ENTITIES LISTED ON YOUR OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM WHEN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

**NON-PROFIT BIDDERS:** PLEASE LIST ALL OFFICERS/DIRECTORS IN PART 2 OF THIS FORM. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW WITH RESPECT TO THESE INDIVIDUALS.

- |   |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | YES                      | NO                       |
| 1. Has any person or entity listed on the Ownership Disclosure form and/or this form or its attachments ever been arrested, charged, indicted, or convicted in a criminal or disorderly persons matter by the State of New Jersey (or political subdivision thereof), any other state or the U.S. Government?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Has any person or entity listed on the Ownership Disclosure form and/or this form or its attachments ever been suspended, debarred or otherwise declared ineligible by any government agency from bidding or contracting to provide services, labor, materials or supplies?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are there currently any pending criminal matters or debarment proceedings in which the firm and/or its officers and/or managers are involved?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Has any person or entity listed on the Ownership Disclosure form and/or this form or its attachments been denied any license, permit or similar authorization required to engage in the work applied for herein, or has any such license, permit or similar authorization been revoked by any agency of this State (or political subdivision thereof), federal, another state or local government? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

IF ANY OF THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1-4 ARE YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN PART 2 BELOW.  
IF ALL OF THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 1-4 ARE NO, PLEASE EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATION BELOW. NO FURTHER ACTION IS NEEDED. IF YOU ARE A NON-PROFIT, YOU MUST DISCLOSE ALL OFFICERS/DIRECTORS IN PART 2 BELOW.

**PART 2: PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For Questions 1-4 answered "YES", you must provide a detailed description of any investigation or litigation, including but not limited to administrative complaints or other administrative proceedings, involving public sector clients during the past 5 years. This description must include the nature and status of the investigation, and for any litigation, the caption of the action, a brief description of the action, the date of inception, current status, and if applicable, disposition. Please provide this information in the box labeled "Additional Information" below. Please provide thorough answers to each question. If additional entries are needed, provide on an attached sheet.

All Non-Profit Bidders must disclose the individuals serving as officers and/or directors for purposes of this form. Please indicate all individuals acting in either capacity by providing the information located in the "Officers/Directors" box. If additional entries are needed, provide on an attached sheet.

Once all required information has been disclosed, please execute the Certification at the end of this Exhibit. Failure to complete this certification will render your proposal non-responsive.

Additional Information	
Complete for all Questions answered YES in Part 1 of this form above.	
Person or Entity: _____	Date of Inception: _____
Current Status _____	
Brief Description: _____	
Caption of Action (if applicable) _____	Disposition of Action (if applicable) _____
Bidder Contact Name _____	
Contact Phone Number _____	

Officers/Directors	
Complete for each Officer/Director:	
Name: _____	
Title: _____	
Address: _____	
City _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____

Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge that the Agency is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the Agency to notify the Agency in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein. I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the Agency and that the Agency at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY  
DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

**PART 1: CERTIFICATION**

**BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE PART 1 BY CHECKING EITHER BOX.**

**FAILURE TO CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES WILL RENDER THE PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE**

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>. Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. Failure to complete the certification will render a bidder's proposal non-responsive. If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:**

- ☐ I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that neither the bidder listed above nor any of the bidder's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the N.J. Department of the Treasury's list of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("Chapter 25 List"). I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf. I will skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification below.

**OR**

- ☐ I am unable to certify as above because the bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the Department's Chapter 25 list. I will provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities in Part 2 below and sign and complete the Certification below. Failure to provide such will result in the proposal being rendered as nonresponsive and appropriate penalties, fines and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

**PART 2: PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

You must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes below.

**PLEASE PROVIDE THOROUGH ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY AND ATTACH.**

Name: _____ Relationship to Bidder: _____	
Description of Activities: _____ _____	
Duration of Engagement: _____	Anticipated Cessation Date: _____
BidderContact Name: _____	Contact Phone Number: _____

**Certification:** I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent and state that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I attest that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the above-referenced person or entity. I acknowledge that the Agency is relying on the information contained herein and thereby acknowledge that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the Agency to notify the Agency in writing of any changes to the answers of information contained herein. I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the Agency and that the Agency at its option may declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY**

**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE**

**N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127)**

**N.J.A.C. 17:27**

**CONTRACTS**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

## MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE (Cont.)

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the applicable employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval

Certificate of Employee Information Report

Employee Information Report Form AA302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\\_compliance](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance))

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code and N.J.A.C. 17:27.**

**NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY**

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE NOTICE**

**N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27**

**CONTRACTS**

This form is a summary of the successful bidder's requirement to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.

The successful bidder shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of this contract, one of the following three documents as forms of evidence:

(a) A photocopy of a valid letter that the contractor is operating under an existing Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program (good for one year from the date of the letter);

OR

(b) A photocopy of a Certificate of Employee Information Report approval, issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4;

OR

(c) A photocopy of an Employee Information Report (Form AA302) provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency to be completed by the contractor in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4.

The successful bidder(s) must submit the copies of the AA302 Report to the Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts (Division). The Public Agency copy is submitted to the public agency, and the bidder copy is retained by the bidder.

The undersigned bidder certifies that he/she is aware of the commitment to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27.1 et seq. and agrees to furnish the required forms of evidence.

The undersigned bidder further understands that his/her proposal shall be rejected as non-responsive if said contractor fails to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq.

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Vendor Certification and  
Political Contribution  
Disclosure Form**

**Contract Reference:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Vendor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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At least ten (10) days prior to entering into the above-referenced contract, the Vendor must complete this Certification and Disclosure Form, in accordance with the directions below and submit it to the State contact for such contract.

Please note that the disclosure requirements under Public Law 2005, Chapter 271 are separate and different from the disclosure requirements under Public Law 2005, Chapter 51 (formerly Executive Order 134). Although no vendor will be precluded from entering into a contract by any information submitted on this form, a vendor's failure to fully, accurately and truthfully complete this form and submit it to the appropriate State agency may result in the imposition of fines by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission.

**Disclosure**

Following is the required Vendor disclosure of all Reportable Contributions made in the twelve (12) months prior to and including the date of signing of this Certification and Disclosure to: (i) any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party, legislative leadership committee, candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, a State elective office, or (ii) any entity that is also defined as a "continuing political committee" under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(n) and N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.

The Vendor is required to disclose Reportable Contributions by: the Vendor itself; all persons or other business entities owning or controlling more than 10% of the profits of the Vendor or more than 10% of the stock of the Vendor, if the Vendor is a corporation for profit; a spouse or child living with a natural person that is a Vendor; all of the principals, partners, officers or directors of the Vendor and all of their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the Vendor; and any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the Vendor, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee.

"Reportable Contributions" are those contributions that are required to be reported by the recipient under the "New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act," P.L. 1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.), and implementing regulations set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:25-10.1 et seq. As of January 1, 2005, contributions in excess of \$300 during a reporting period are deemed "reportable."

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**Vendor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Committee to Which Contribution Was Made	Date of Contribution	Amount of Contribution	Contributor's Name
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Indicate "none" if no Reportable Contributions were made. Attach Additional Pages As Needed

**#1**


**Certification:**

I certify as an officer or authorized representative of the Vendor that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing statements by me are true. I am aware that if any of the statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

**#2**

**Name of Vendor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENT #2

### PROPOSED EVALUATION SCORE SHEET

New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA)

Request for Offers to Purchase

Carmel Towers

Sale of Notes and Mortgages

Bidder: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator #: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Sample Score Sheet</u>	<u>Score 1- 10</u> x	<u>Weight =</u>	<u>Criterion Score</u>
1. Purchase price		80	
2. Purchase term including due diligence period as well as payment for such period		10	
3. Potential Purchaser(s) financial capability to meet the proposed terms of purchase and project completion		10	
<b>Grand Total Score</b>		100	

**ATTACHMENT #3**  
**POLICY FOR SALE OF PROPERTY**

## NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY POLICY FOR SALE OF PROPERTY

The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency has adopted this policy for the sale of property as to the sale of Agency assets as part of its mission, authorizations, and duties provided under the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Law of 1983, L.1983, c. 530, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1, et seq.), which include the disposition of real and personal property taken into ownership by the Agency. The Agency intends to execute the aforementioned dispositions through one of the two processes set forth in these guidelines: the sealed bid process and the offer to purchase process when real and personal property have been advertised for sale.

### 1. Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Agency" means the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency as created pursuant to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Law of 1983, L. 1983, c. 530, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1, et seq.).

"Agency staff" means the Executive Director and staff responsible for carrying out the policies, mission and purpose of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.

"Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Agency, appointed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:14K-5j.

"Offer to purchase process" means an invitation to submit an offer to purchase a particular parcel or Property that has been advertised as being available for sale through the offer to purchase process with the offer period remaining open until the date specified in the advertisement.

"Policy" means this policy for the sale of Property by the Agency.

"Property" means (a) the Agency's interests as a lender in any loan made or acquired by the Agency, together with any note or instrument of obligation from a borrower to the Agency, any mortgage or encumbrance securing such obligation and any other documents relevant to same, and (b) any real property and any personal property, business property, tangible and intangible assets that may accompany said real property, acquired by the Agency, by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise in connection with the Agency's security interest in any loan made or acquired by the Agency.

"Sealed bid process" means a solicitation for competitive sealed bids to purchase Property that has been advertised as being available for sale through the sealed bid process with a requirement that sealed bids be received by the advertised bid due date.

### 2. Sealed bid process

(a) For any Property to be sold through the sealed bid process, Agency staff shall advertise a notice of each solicitation for sealed bids for such Property on the Agency's website and

on the New Jersey State business portal and shall place an advertisement for same in the "Public/Legal Notice" section of the Star Ledger, the Asbury Park Press, The Times of Trenton and, if Agency staff deems it appropriate, in other regional newspaper(s) or other publications. Advertisements on the Agency's website and the New Jersey State business portal shall be maintained until the close of the bidding period.

(b) In addition, Agency staff may contact potential purchaser(s) directly to seek to increase the number of sealed bids received in response to an advertised solicitation to purchase.

### **3. Sealed bid requests**

(a) The notice of solicitation for sealed bids shall request sealed bids for the purchase of Property and shall include the time, date and format in which the sealed bids are to be submitted. The notice shall also include a name and phone number or other contact information potential purchaser(s) can use to obtain additional information about the solicitation.

(b) Each solicitation to purchase through the sealed bid process shall specify material terms of the sale that are to be proposed by bidders and material terms of sale that are required for the particular sale and not subject to bid which shall be specified either through the solicitation to purchase, a specimen form of purchase agreement, or on the Agency's website.

(c) Sealed bids will be opened on the date specified in the solicitation. After sealed bids have been publicly opened, Agency staff may seek best and final sealed bids from one or more bidders that timely submitted a responsive bid for the Property.

### **4. Submission of sealed bids**

(a) All sealed bids shall be submitted on or before the specified time and date required by the public notice and contain all information requested by Agency staff. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, a sealed bid shall not be submitted by telephone, facsimile, or other electronic means.

(b) All sealed bids shall include a certified, cashiers or bank check made payable to the Agency in an amount to be determined by the Agency and stated in the notice given under Section 3(a), up to ten percent (10.0%) of the bid price, which shall be held by the Agency as a deposit and applied to the purchase price at closing for the accepted bid, and returned to all others.

(c) Deposit checks shall be deposited by Agency staff into an interest bearing account with interest accruing to the benefit of the bidder. Deposits paid by unsuccessful bidders, with accrued interest, shall be returned when Agency staff issues its notice of intent to award a purchase contract in accordance with Section 16(e).

(d) Sealed bids received by Agency staff shall be held unopened until the close of the bidding period, at which time all bids received shall be publicly opened and the identities of the bidders, but not the substance of the bids, will be read.

## **5. Extension of time to submit sealed bids**

(a) The Executive Director may extend the time for opening sealed bids or at the request of a potential purchaser who notifies Agency staff that he or she intends to submit a sealed bid and gives valid reasons why he or she will not meet the formal opening date. The potential purchaser making this request shall do so in writing and specify the length of additional time requested. The written request must be received by Agency staff no later than one week prior to the close of the bid submission period.

(b) The Executive Director may extend the time for opening sealed bids in accordance with the solicitation of sealed bids.

(c) Extensions of time under this section for opening of sealed bid(s) shall be applicable to all potential purchaser(s) and shall be posted only on the Agency's website. All sealed bid(s) shall be held and remain sealed until the expiration of the time extension granted by the Executive Director.

## **6. Sealed bid prices**

(a) A sealed bid shall include all material information required by the solicitation. Prices shall be typewritten, photocopied, or written in ink or some other indelible substance.

(b) Unless the solicitation states otherwise, the prices submitted with a sealed bid shall remain effective for 90 days after the opening date, subject to any negotiations conducted in accordance with Section 14(a).

## **7. Withdrawal of sealed bid**

(a) Prior to the opening of the sealed bid(s), a potential purchaser may, for any reason, request the withdrawal of his or her sealed bid. The request shall be made in writing to Agency staff and shall be signed by a person authorized to submit the sealed bid (such as the owner or owner's designated representative, or an attorney or real estate broker with written permission to negotiate and act as attorney in fact for owner). Proof of authorization shall accompany the request.

(b) After the opening of the sealed bid(s), if either the potential purchaser(s) or Agency staff discover a material error in a sealed bid, the potential purchaser(s) may request the withdrawal of the sealed bid. If the error is discovered by Agency staff, the potential purchaser(s) will be notified in writing, and the potential purchaser will have five (5) business days from receipt of the notice to request withdrawal of the sealed bid. Any request to withdraw from the potential purchaser(s) shall be addressed to the Executive Director and Agency staff which will return the sealed bid if the potential purchaser(s) can demonstrate that he or she exercised reasonable care in preparing and submitting the sealed bid, and that it would be unconscionable for Agency staff to enforce the proposed purchase agreement. The decision to grant or deny any such request shall be at the sole discretion of the Executive Director.

## **8. Correction of pricing error**

Agency staff shall correct a pricing error in a sealed bid under the following circumstance: Unless the solicitation states otherwise, or the result would be unconscionable, where a sealed bid price contains a discrepancy between a unit price and a total price based on those units, the unit price shall govern. Where the sealed bid price contains any other price discrepancy, Agency staff shall determine the price if the sealed bid contains clear evidence of the intended price.

## **9. Offer to purchase process**

(a) Before advertising Property as being available for sale through the offer to purchase process, the Agency shall review and approve a recommendation of Agency staff to offer the property for sale through the offer to purchase process. In its determination to use the offer to purchase process, the Agency also may consider various factors including, but not limited to, purchase price, furtherance of the Agency's mission and timing, to determine whether the offer to purchase process will enhance the economic value to the Agency and serve the interests of the State of New Jersey. If a party has approached Agency staff with an offer, in its determination to use the offer to purchase process, the Agency also may consider the proposed purchase price as compared to a valuation of the Property established by an appraisal report prepared by a professional licensed appraiser.

(b) For Property to be sold through the offer to purchase process, Agency staff shall advertise a notice of the availability of the Property for sale through the offer to purchase process on the Agency's website, on the New Jersey State business portal and shall place an advertisement for same in the "Public/Legal Notice" section of the Star Ledger, the Courier Post and The Times of Trenton and, if Agency staff deems it appropriate, in other regional newspapers or publications.

(c) Each notice of availability for sale through the offer to purchase process shall specify the period of time for submitting an offer to purchase the particular Property which period for submitting offers to purchase shall not be less than thirty (30) days.

(d) In addition, Agency staff may contact potential purchasers directly to seek to increase the number of offers to purchase received in response to an advertised solicitation.

## **10. Submission of offers to purchase**

(a) The time for submitting an offer to purchase shall remain open until the date specified in the advertisement. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, an offer to purchase shall not be submitted by telephone, facsimile, or other electronic means.

(b) All offers to purchase shall include a certified, cashiers or bank check made payable to the Agency in an amount to be determined by the Agency and stated in the notice given under Section 9(b), up to five percent (5.0%) of the offer price, which shall be held as an initial deposit.

An additional deposit in an amount to be determined by the Agency, up to ten percent (10%) of the offer price, shall be payable to the Agency on the earlier of:

1. Agency staff and the potential purchaser entering into an exclusive negotiating period in accordance with Section 15; or

2. A purchase agreement being fully negotiated and signed by the purchaser. The initial deposit and the additional deposit shall be applied to the purchase price at closing.

(c) Deposit checks shall be deposited by the Agency into an interest bearing account with interest accruing to the benefit of the party who submitted the offer to purchase. In the event an offer to purchase cannot be negotiated into an acceptable offer, deposits paid by the party that submitted the offer, with accrued interest, shall be returned when the Agency determines to terminate negotiations regarding the particular offer to purchase.

#### **11. Verification of sealed bid or offer to purchase**

Agency staff may seek information outside of the sealed bid or offer to purchase to verify the accuracy and responsiveness of the sealed bid or offer to purchase, and whether the potential purchaser(s) is responsible. Agency staff may request such information from the potential purchaser(s), from public records, or from others familiar with the potential purchaser(s). Such information may clarify, but not modify, a sealed bid or offer to purchase. Such investigation may include, but shall not be limited to, contacting the potential purchaser surety companies, financial institutions, and review of corporate or personal financial records, reports and statements.

#### **12. Rejection of all sealed bids or offers to purchase, re-advertisement and termination**

The Agency reserves the right to reject all sealed bid(s) and offer(s) to purchase and to either re-advertise or terminate an advertised solicitation if the Agency determines that insufficient competition results from the initial advertisement, the price is unfavorable in the current market, or for any other reason in the best interests of the Agency or the State of New Jersey, as determined by the Agency.

#### **13. Evaluation**

(a) Agency staff shall evaluate each sealed bid and offer to purchase received in accordance with this Policy and shall identify the sealed bid(s) or offer(s) to purchase determined to be responsive to all material elements set forth in the solicitation or notice of availability, which may include, but not be limited to:

1. The purchase price (including other financial consideration, including but not limited to assumption of debt associated with the Property as may be applicable and appropriate);

2. The purchase term including due diligence period as well as payment for such period;

3. The proposed project capital investment;
4. The potential purchaser's financial, technical and logistical capacity to meet the proposed terms of purchase and project completion;
5. The future use of the Property; and
6. Confirmation that the potential purchaser's proposed use is consistent with the mission of the Agency, including, but not limited to, housing affordability and maintenance of affordability controls.

(b) Evaluation of sealed bids and offers to purchase will be made based on the best interests of the Agency and the State of New Jersey, price and other factors considered. In evaluating purchase price, Agency staff will consider purchase price as compared to a valuation of the Property established by an appraisal report prepared by a professional licensed appraiser. The Agency staff may accept a lower purchase price from a governmental purchaser or public/private partnership if the proposal is based upon factors consistent with the mission of the Agency.

#### **14. Negotiations**

(a) When the sealed bid process is used to sell Property, Agency staff may negotiate with one or more bidders that have submitted advantageous sealed bid(s) terms that are in the best interests of the Agency and the State of New Jersey, price and other factors considered, in accordance with the evaluation criteria in Section 13. Agency staff reserves the right to negotiate with some but not all potential purchasers who submitted a sealed bid based on initial submissions.

(b) When the offer to purchase process is used to sell Property, from time to time as offers are received, Agency staff may negotiate terms of sale that are in the best interests of the Agency and the State of New Jersey, price and other factors considered, in accordance with the evaluation criteria in Section 13. Negotiating with a potential purchaser will not preclude Agency staff from negotiating with other potential purchasers unless Agency staff has entered into an exclusive negotiating period with a potential purchaser in accordance with Section 15.

#### **15. Exclusive negotiating period**

(a) When the offer to purchase process is used to sell Property and upon the request of a party who has made an offer to purchase Property, Agency staff may agree that it will not negotiate with any other party for that particular Property provided that the following conditions are met:

1. The time for submitting offers to purchase that particular Property has expired;
2. Agency staff determines there is a reasonable likelihood that the exclusive negotiating period will lead to an offer to purchase that will be acceptable to the Agency;
3. Subject to extensions pursuant to (b) and (c) below, an exclusive negotiating period shall not exceed 60 days;

4. The prospective purchaser makes an additional deposit of an amount to be determined by the Agency, up to ten percent (10%) of the purchase price; and

5. The prospective purchaser agrees in writing to negotiate exclusively with Agency staff during the exclusive negotiating period and terminate negotiations and discussions with other parties who seek to sell or lease the property.

(b) The Executive Director may extend an exclusive negotiating period for an additional 60 days.

(c) The Agency may extend an exclusive negotiating period for such period of time and upon such terms and conditions as the Agency determines to be in the best interests of the Agency and the State of New Jersey considering price and other factors.

#### **16. Determinations, recommendation, review and award**

(a) For sales conducted through the sealed bid process, the Executive Director shall have the discretion and authority to determine that all bids shall be rejected and that no notice of intent to award a purchase agreement be made, all potential bidders' deposits, with accrued deposit be returned and that the Property be re-advertised for bids or any other appropriate action.

(b) For sales conducted through the offer to purchase process, the Executive Director shall have the discretion and authority to determine that negotiations regarding a particular offer to purchase should terminate and the potential purchaser's deposit, with accrued interest, be returned, to issue a new notice of availability of Property for sale, or to take other appropriate action.

(c) Agency staff shall recommend to the Agency bids and offers to purchase, which may have been modified through negotiations, that will provide purchase agreements which are in the best interests of the Agency and the State of New Jersey considering price and other factors. Any recommendation to accept a bid or offer to purchase shall also identify competing bids or offers to purchase that will be rejected by awarding a purchase agreement to the selected purchaser.

(d) After a recommendation by Agency staff to accept a bid or offer to purchase, the Agency shall determine whether to issue a notice of intent to award a purchase agreement and reject competing bids and offers to purchase, or in the alternative to reject all bids or to take other appropriate action.

(e) Upon approval by the Agency of an award of a purchase contract, Agency staff shall issue a notice of intent to award a purchase agreement and send it to all bidders or parties who submitted an offer to purchase. The notice of intent to award a purchase agreement shall set forth all of the material terms of the purchase agreement. Agency staff shall finalize the purchase agreement which shall be executed by the Executive Director or other officer so authorized by the Agency board, subject to the provisions of Section 17.

#### **17. Challenges**

(a) After the date of the notice of intent to award a particular purchase agreement, unsuccessful bidders or parties who submitted an offer to purchase for the particular Property, as applicable, will have ten (10) business days from the date of the notice to review:

1. The sealed bids or offers to purchase submitted by other potential purchasers;
2. Agency staff's comparative summary of sealed bids or offers to purchase received;
3. The records of the negotiations, if any; and
4. Any supporting documents to (a)1, 2 and 3 above.

(b) Challenges to the notice of intent to award a particular purchase agreement shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director within ten (10) business days from the date of the letter giving notice of intent to award and shall state with specificity all arguments, materials and/or other documents that may support the challenger's position that the proposed award should be overturned. The Executive Director may extend the time for reviewing documents or submitting a challenge on good grounds shown to the satisfaction of the Executive Director in his or her sole discretion.

(c) If a challenge is timely received, the Executive Director shall assign a hearing officer to review the challenge and make a final recommendation to the Agency. The Executive Director, in consultation with the hearing officer, has sole discretion to determine if an oral presentation by the challenger is necessary to reach an informed decision on the merits of the challenge. Challenges of the type described in this Policy, for the purpose of this Policy, are not contested cases subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules, N.J.A.C. 1:1.

#### **18. Documents considered public information**

(a) For sales conducted through the sealed bid process, after Agency staff's issuance of notice of intent to award a purchase agreement, sealed bids and other documents submitted by potential purchasers (excluding those items exempt from public access pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.) shall be considered public information, notwithstanding any disclaimers submitted by the potential purchaser(s) to the contrary.

(b) For sales conducted through the offer to purchase process, after a purchase agreement has been signed by the Agency and a purchaser, documents submitted by potential purchasers (excluding those items exempt from public access pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.) shall be considered public information, notwithstanding any disclaimers submitted by the potential purchaser(s) to the contrary.